





# CONSTITUTION

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

NEW-YORK INSTITUTION FOR  
THE INOCULATION

OF THE

*KINE POCK.*

To which are added,

*THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWO FIRST  
MEETINGS OF THE CONTRIBUTORS.*

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1802.



AN ACT FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE SMALL-POX INOCULATION.

A Number of the citizens of New-York, convinced of the important advantages to be derived from substituting the Kine Pock in place of the small-pox inoculation, in this country, have associated for the promotion thereof, and liberally contributed towards the establishment of an Institution for the purpose of disseminating the benefits of this new inoculation among the poor, of supporting a constant supply of the genuine infection, and of promoting a more general knowledge of the disease, and the proper method of successfully communicating it, thereby to prevent those errors from ignorance in its practice, which otherwise must unavoidably not only injure deceived individuals, but also the growing reputation of this inestimable discovery.

At a meeting of the Contributors, held on the 11th January, 1802, at the Tontine Coffee-

House, with a view of carrying the same into effect, Robert Bowne was appointed Chairman, and Valentine Seaman, Secretary.

A committee of four, viz. Dr. Valentine Seaman, Dr. Samuel Borrowe, Samuel Bowne, and Dr. Edward Miller, were appointed to draw up a plan of a Constitution, for the government and regulation of this Institution, and to submit the same to the consideration of the next meeting.

At a second and numerous meeting of the Contributors, held at the Tontine Coffee-house, on Thursday the 14th of January, 1802, Willet Seaman was appointed Chairman, and Edward Miller, Secretary.

The committee, to whom it had been referred to draw up a plan of a Constitution, reported a form for that purpose; which, after being read and considered by paragraphs, was adopted, as follows:

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

THIS establishment shall be known by the name of the "NEW-YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INOCULATION OF THE KINE POCK."

## ARTICLE II.

The government and regulation of the Institution shall be committed to thirteen Directors, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, who shall be annually elected by and from among the Contributors, by ballot, on the second Thursday in January.

## ARTICLE III.

Not less than four Directors, considering the Treasurer and Secretary as such, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Directors shall hold stated meetings every month, due notice of each meeting being given by the Secretary to the several members.

## ARTICLE V.

The Directors shall, at their first stated meeting, elect by ballot a President and Vice-President from among their number, who shall continue in office until the next election of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI.

The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-

President, shall have the power of calling a special meeting of the Directors, at the request, in writing, of two of their number, or of two of the Physicians of the Institution.

#### ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of the names of the Contributors, and of the sums of money severally subscribed and paid by them ; to receive all the monies of the Institution, and to pay them to the order of the President or Vice-President of the Directors, which order shall be the voucher of his expenditures. He shall make report of the state of the accounts to the Directors, every three months ; and once in every year, his accounts shall be audited by a committee of the Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Directors, to give due notification to the members of every stated and of every special meeting. He shall also give due notice to the Contributors of the time and place of their meetings, and shall give seasonable information to those who may be elected to any office in the Institution.



## ARTICLE IX.

In case the Treasurer or Secretary should die or refuse to act, the Directors shall then elect, from among the Contributors, a suitable person to fill the vacant office, until the next annual election.

## ARTICLE X.

The Directors annually, at their first stated meeting, shall elect by ballot a Medical Board, consisting of a number of Physicians not exceeding four, who shall continue in office until after the next election of Directors, and no longer, unless they be re-elected.

## ARTICLE XI.

The Directors shall elect a person as Resident Surgeon to the Institution, to remain in office during their pleasure, but not exceeding one year; who shall, previous to his election, obtain a recommendation of his qualifications from one or more of the Medical Board, and who shall receive for his services a compensation sufficient to defray the expenses of decent boarding, which shall be ascertained and regulated by the Directors.

## ARTICLE XII.

The Directors shall procure a suitable room or apartments in some eligible part of the city, for promoting the objects of this Institution.

## ARTICLE XIII.

The Directors shall establish such bye laws for the regulation of this Institution, as to them may appear necessary, and shall make annually a public report of the progress thereof, and of the monies received and expended for its support.

## ARTICLE XIV.

It shall be the duty of the Resident Surgeon to attend upon the Institution, according to the regulations prescribed by the Directors and the Medical Board, and he shall also act in the capacity of Secretary to the latter.

## ARTICLE XV.

It shall be the duty of the Medical Board to attend upon the Institution, in such form and manner as they, in conjunction with the Directors, shall think most conducive to its interests. They shall also occasionally propose to the Directors such matters as shall appear to them ne-

cessary for obtaining the greatest advantage therefrom.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

Every person contributing to this Institution, to the amount of three dollars or upwards, shall be considered as a permanent member thereof, with privilege in manner following, viz.—Each one paying three dollars, shall be entitled thereby to keep two patients constantly upon the books of the Institution for one year; every one paying five dollars, shall have like privilege for two years; every one paying ten dollars, shall have like privilege for five years; and every one paying twenty dollars, shall be entitled thereby to keep three patients upon the books during their lives. The date of the original subscribers' privileges to commence with the time the Institution is ready for the reception of patients.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, except it be by a general meeting of the Contributors, called by the Directors in consequence of application being previously made to them in writing by at least fifteen of the Con-

tributors, at which meeting any alteration may be proposed, which if agreed to by a majority of the Contributors at a second meeting for that purpose, the alteration shall be made and considered, and acted upon accordingly.

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The Meeting then proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to elect the officers of the Institution for the term of one year, and the ballots being taken and counted, it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected.

#### DIRECTORS.

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| James Watſon,       | William Moore,   |
| Robert Bowne,       | Willet Seaman,   |
| John Keefe,         | Samuel Miller,   |
| Samuel Bowne,       | James Robertſon, |
| Samuel L. Mitchell, | Thomas Buckley,  |
| Gilbert Aſpinwall,  | Iſaac Hicks.     |
| Andrew Cock,        |                  |

Thomas Franklin, Treafurer.

Adrian Hegeman, Secretary.

On motion of Samuel Bowne, the following reſolution was unanimoſly adopted: That, in teſtimony of the high eſtimation in which this

meeting of Contributors hold the philanthropic and able exertions of Edward Jenner, M. D. F. R. S. &c. of London, and Benjamin Waterhouse, M. D. Professor of the Practice of Physic in the University of Cambridge in Massachusetts, relative to the inoculation of the Kine Pock, they are hereby appointed perpetual honorary Directors of this Institution.

The following Officers, agreeably to the Constitution, were elected by the Directors for the ensuing year.

James Watson, President.

Gilbert Aspinwall, Vice-President.

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| Valentine Seaman, | } | Medical Board. |
| Edward Miller,    |   |                |
| Wright Post,      |   |                |
| Samuel Borrowe,   |   |                |

Samuel Scofield, Resident Surgeon.





